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SHERIFF GOLDEN URGES ALL TO CELEBRATE LABOR DAY RESPONSIBLY

It's been a great summer in Monmouth County, and the outstanding work of our sworn law enforcement officers and staff of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office in maintaining public safety throughout the busy season is commended.

As we enjoy the unofficial end of the summer this Labor Day weekend, there will be an increase of travelers on the roads and as a result an increase in law enforcement who will remain vigilant to keep roadways safe and free of drunk drivers. Please make the most of the Labor Day weekend, but, if you are going to drink, don't drive. In an effort to avoid presenting a danger to oneself or others, it's important to follow these safety tips:

- Before going out, designate a driver who will not consume any alcohol the entire night.
- DO NOT DRIVE if you are impaired. Call an Uber, a cab, a sober friend or family member.
- If you don't have a ride, stay where you are.
- If you see someone about to get behind the wheel or on a motorcycle after they have been drinking, take their keys and find them a ride with someone who is sober.
- Under no circumstances should adults provide alcohol to a minor or allow anyone under 21 to consume alcohol while at their home. In New Jersey, an individual is considered over the legal limit if he/she operates a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater.

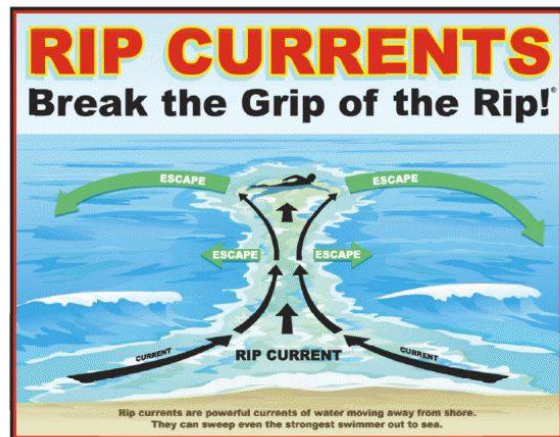
Obeying motor vehicle laws and educating the public about the dangers of drinking and driving are the keys to keeping our roadways safer. Please drive safely and enjoy the Labor Day weekend

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SAFETY AT THE SHORE

With the summer coming to an end and kids heading back to school, you will see fewer lifeguards on duty. Sheriff Golden warns that it's vital to take the proper precaution while at the beach, especially when rip currents are elevated. He urges all to stay out of the water when there are rip currents and never swim alone if there are no lifeguards.



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

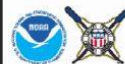
- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org



GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT TO MONMOUTH COUNTY NATIONAL LIFEGUARD TEAM

Speaking of lifeguards, there's a reason why we take such great pride in them at the Jersey Shore. On August 24, Sheriff Golden and the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners recognized the Monmouth County National Lifeguard Team who won the National Championship title at the United States Lifesaving Association's 2023 National Lifeguard Competitions recently held in Virginia. This was a tremendous accomplishment and the fourth time Monmouth County has won the Howard Lee National Championship Trophy. The MCSO congratulates all and thanks our lifeguards who are highly trained and dedicated to ensuring safety at the shore. They are truly the best.



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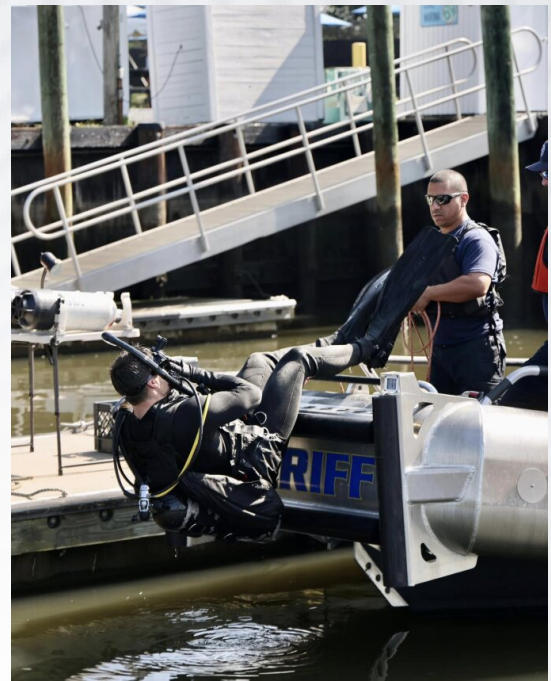
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MCSO's MARITIME EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

The MCSO's Maritime Emergency Response Team is always at the ready when called to respond to critical incidents on our waterways by extensive training throughout the year. Their most recent exercise was conducted at the Monmouth Cove Marina in Port Monmouth where the team practiced boat entry and exercise on Marine 1, dive patterns and underwater retrieval.

MERT is a valuable shared service, made up of members from various law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff Golden thanks MERT for their commitment and dedication to saving lives and maintaining safety, and reminds all to take precautions the next few weeks before the summer season comes to an end.



SHELTER OPERATIONS EXERCISE HELD AT FORT MONMOUTH



An important training exercise for those that assist in shelter operations during an emergency or disaster was conducted by the MCSO Office of Emergency Management, the Monmouth County Health Department and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) on Aug. 8.



The training was held at the OEM warehouse and covered county emergency stockpile, shelter equipment and supplies and software on which the staff is trained.

An efficient shelter operation is the key to protecting residents who utilize them during an emergency. Sheriff Golden, OEM staff and the Monmouth County Health Department work hard to ensure safety in the event Monmouth County shelters need to be opened.

REGISTER READY PROGRAM ASSISTS SENIOR POPULATION

Sheriff Golden is always proud to assist our senior population through the MCSO's various programs. Recently the MCSO and Department of Aging presented the Register Ready program to residents at Applewood, a continuing care community, in Freehold on Aug. 2 and the Villages in Freehold on Aug. 30.

Register Ready is a partnership between the Department of Aging and MCSO/OEM. It allows residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families, friends and caregivers an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency. Registrants are also provided with a Ready Go Bag to utilize during a disaster.

MCSO OEM is a statewide leader in Register Ready with 3350 participants, more than any other county in NJ.



MCSO SUPPORTS NATIONAL DRUG OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

National Drug Overdose Day was August 31 and Sheriff Golden was pleased to participate and provide our HOPE One Mobile Unit at an event held in Red Bank presented by Tigger Stavola Foundation. The event included a walk to Marine Park to give hope to those struggling, honor loved ones lost to overdose and celebrate those in recovery. It included speakers, substance use resources as well as a moment of silence to remember those who lost their battle to substance use disorder. The MCSO HOPE One Mobile Unit, an innovative leading approach to addressing and combating the opioid epidemic, makes its way around Monmouth County to offer help and hope, through services and programs to individuals suffering with substance abuse disorder.



2023 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Sheriff Golden and staff were proud to meet the public while enhancing community partnerships and strengthening neighborhood ties on National Night Out, held August 2. The MCSO was in nine towns, providing public safety information, displays and demos at this annual event, where members of law enforcement and residents had a great opportunity to engage with one another. Thanks to all who supported this exceptional event. Towns included Long Branch, Asbury Park, Neptune Twp, Allenhurst, Freehold Borough, Manalapan, Neptune City, Eatontown and Allenhurst.



MCSO REMEMBERS

Monmouth County lost two retired police chiefs in Aug. who were admired and well respected by members of law enforcement and residents of the communities they served. Deepest sympathies are with the families of Deal Police Department's Retired Police Chief and Deal Business Administrator Stephen Carasia, and, Little Silver Police Department's Retired Police Chief Thomas Bruno. We thank and remember both men for their leadership and dedication to public service.

All were saddened over the loss of NJ's Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver and extend deepest thoughts and condolences to her family. Lt. Gov. Oliver was a committed public servant and fine leader while serving in the NJ Legislature prior to becoming LG. She was the first Black woman to become LG as well as the first in NJ state history to serve as Assembly Speaker. We thank Lt. Gov. Oliver for her years of dedicated service.



RIP K-9 TANGO

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office was extremely saddened over the passing of K-9 Tango, beloved partner of Sheriff's Officer Michael Mindo. The ten year old German Shepherd, who specialized in narcotics detection and patrols, recently retired in January, after a long and successful nine year career assisting in combatting crime. On Friday Aug. 18, K-9s and their handlers from numerous law enforcement agencies lined up outside of Touchstone Veterinary Center in Morganville, where Tango, the highly trained, hardworking police dog and most loyal companion, was provided with the proper send off.

Tango was a valuable asset in promoting law enforcement, maintaining public safety and combating the proliferation of drugs in Monmouth County. We are grateful for his service.





NATIONAL DOG DAY

The MCSO celebrated and saluted all K-9s with a special acknowledgment to the agency's K-9 Unit as National Dog was held August 26.

Sheriff Golden runs the largest K-9 Unit in Monmouth County consisting of eight sheriff's officers and nine K-9s who are called upon year round to assist with patrols, tracking, explosive and narcotics detection.

MOBILE COUNTY CONNECTION

A tremendous turnout during the Mobile County Connection at Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls on Aug. 24 where Sheriff Golden, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon, Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch and the Monmouth County Office on Aging provided government services to residents. It was a great success and we are pleased to bring important information and valuable services directly to residents.



INMATE LABOR

The MCSO's Inmate Labor crew conducted its annual Manasquan School District cleanup in Aug. before the school year begins. The focus was on a painting project at Manasquan Elementary School where they painted classrooms, the main office, the principle's office, conference rooms and resource areas.

Sheriff Golden is proud of the success of this program that provides a cost savings to towns and helps re-integrate individuals back into society.



PBA 314 PARTNERS WITH CHURCH TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Thanks to the generous donations of PBA 314, the transition to go back school became easier for some kids in need. The PBA partnered with Immanuel Bible Church in Howell to take part in their backpack giveaway and kidapapoolza on Aug. 26. PBA 314 was honored to be a part of this great event giving back to the community where dive-team equipment and special ops vehicles were on display as well as K-9s.



TABLETOP ON ELECTION SECURITY HELD AT MCSO

An informative tabletop exercise regarding election security was coordinated by the NJ Department of Homeland Security and held at the MCSO on Aug. 16 to prepare for the upcoming election and help ensure election systems are secure. The event was part of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Tabletop the Vote, where a series of virtual exercises focused on election cyber security and preparedness.

Sheriff Golden thanks Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon who works hard to ensure Monmouth County is at the ready for any type of emergency that could affect our elections system.





MCSO WELCOMES RETURN OF CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Sheriff Golden is pleased to announce the return of the MCSO Citizen Police Academy/Law Enforcement Mini Academy which offers county residents ages 14 and above a unique opportunity to learn about the complex roles of modern-day law enforcement agencies. Enrollment in this course involves a 5-week commitment to attend weekly sessions.

Each session will take place on five consecutive Thursday evenings from 5:30 PM to approximately 7:30 PM, at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Center, 2500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ, and two other locations to be announced. The first session is on Thursday, September 21, 2023 and continues every Thursday until graduation on October 19, 2023.

Applications can be obtained from the MCSO Website, www.mcsonj.org, click on community outreach, then click on Citizen Police Academy/Law Enforcement Mini Academy, or call and leave a message for Ted Freeman at 732-431-6400 extension 1110 to have an application package sent to you



HACKENSACK MERIDIAN HEALTH MAKES PRESENTATION AT MCSO

Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone hosted Hackensack Meridian Health executives at the MCSO on Aug. 15, where they presented an overview of the healthcare system and discussed new and innovative developments and approaches. Mayors throughout Monmouth County were pleased to have the opportunity to learn about care provided to residents, share their needs and enhance partnerships with one another.



BEST OF LUCK TO MCSO INTERNS

The MCSO summer internship program has come to an end and Sheriff Golden thanks all the students who participated and assisted in the Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions, the Office of Emergency Management, Information Technology and Special Operations.

For future internship opportunities visit www.mcsonj.org . We are pleased to offer such a great experience where many interns from the MCSO have moved on to become law enforcement professionals. We wish all our summer interns the best



